



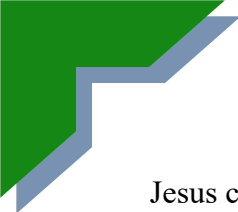
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Kevin's Korner



The Abiding Life

Jesus calls us to the abiding life, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). The command "Abide in Me" is given with a sense of urgency; make this your top priority! It's urgent because it's essential, like the need to breathe. It's essential for the branch to remain in the vine in order to receive it's needed nutrients. Separate the branch from the vine and it will begin to wither until it dies. Likewise, abiding in Him is essential if we are to live like Christ.

We abide in Christ when we remain true to His teachings (2 John 1:9). Those teachings include how we love one another, how we forgive one another, how we live a life of purity, how we handle our time, talents, and treasures, etc. Abiding in Him includes remaining true to His work of sanctifying us. It will mean standing against the "truths" and immorality of this world.

Abiding in Him is a command not easily obeyed. Am I willing to give up my Saturday afternoon to help mow someone's lawn? Am I willing to shut off the T.V. and go volunteer at a food pantry, a hospital, or elsewhere in my community? Will I do it with a willing heart or the rolling of my eyes? Will I give someone the shirt off my back and then gripe at them for taking it? An abiding life will impact not just what we do but also why we do it. The fruit of the abiding life is both a change in both action and attitude. It will lead to a life of serving joyfully (John 13:17) and with compassion. It fills us with compassion for those who are sick, needy, disabled, or those who have little to no voice in this world. It drives us into the world of the afflicted (James 1:27) in order to minister to them.

Jesus sat and ate with the "tax collectors and sinners" even though it cost him with the Pharisees (Matthew 9:9-13). Living an abiding life may lead to criticism from the "righteous". It isn't always easy or comfortable living this kind of life. Thank you is not always the reward we receive didn't Jesus heal ten lepers yet only one came too thank him? (Luke 17:11-19). In fact sometimes our reward will be betrayal and rejection (Luke 22:48; 23:21).

In these painful times, the temptation to forgo this life can be overwhelming. Being rooted (Colossians 2:6-7) in Him, emboldens us to continue living an abiding life knowing that His Heavenly reward awaits us (2 Corinthians 4:17).

This abiding life is part of the abundant life Jesus promised (John 10:10). His life was marked with joy, peace, and love. That fruit is ours when we abide in Christ. The key to Christ's abundant life is found in living the abiding life.

Kevin W. Soben

From The Elders:

Dear South Siders,

In his front page article, Kevin reminds us that Christ tells us that as Christians we are to “Abide in me. and I in you” (John 15:4). To abide in something means to remain in a relationship with them. We abide in Christ by following His rules, commandments, or laws. When we abide in Christ, we live the life God intended for us to live and live the way God intended for us to live it, by following the rules because we are saved. We have one job in the Kingdom of God, that is to “...Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”, Mark 16: 15-16.

What better way to proclaim the Gospel in the world than to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come to South Side and see what it is like to be part of the family of God? There are lots of things going on at the church to which you may invite anyone to attend.

- ◆ EVERY Sunday—10:30 AM Worship Services; come rain, sleet, snow, etc., we are here and praising and worshipping God!! Invite everyone to come sit with you!
- ◆ Bible Studies—Men on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM; Ladies on Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM; Men and Ladies together on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM; and of course, there are three Bible Studies on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.
- ◆ October 17—18—All Church Rummage Sale; all of that Fall cleaning and giveaways can be brought to the church and sold to help raise funds for church improvements
- ◆ October 25—Harvest Carnival; John began collecting candy on September 28; if you are interested in dressing up (or not!) and helping with this event, see John
- ◆ November 16—All-church Potluck Luncheon
- ◆ December 24—6:00 PM will be the Christmas Eve Service held to honor Christ’s incarnation

As always, the Elders are praying for the congregation and for the leadership of South Side. We ask that you also pray for your fellow congregation members. Please pray for the church staff, Kevin, John, Patricia, Audrey, and Tim during this time of year when the church is busy and full of activities. Please also pray for our country and the division that is causing so much hatred that is being expressed in so many hateful ways. It leads us to sometimes question the humanity of one or both sides of the division.

God guide us and be with us as we try to be righteous,



South Side Christian Church Calendar for Leadership Nominations and Selection

August 17, 2025	Nomination forms will be made available to the congregation to nominate any SSCC immersion baptized member of the congregation for an office of Deacon, Elder, or Trustee. Nomination forms may be submitted to any member of the Nominating Committee.
August 24, 2025	Last day (12:00 PM, noon) for Nomination forms to be submitted to the Nominating Committee.
August 31, 2025	Labor Day Weekend
September 7, 2025	Elders receive the list of member candidates from the Nominating Committee. Elders vet candidates and inform nominees of the office for which they have been nominated.
September 14, 2025 September 17, 2025	Deacon Class - nominated Deacons must attend this class, or be removed from the nominated list. Candidates will review SSCC's Belief Statements, verify their support of these beliefs, and the role of Deacons in the church. Nominated deacons must inform the Elders of their intent to accept the office nomination, or decline the nomination.
September 21, 2025	Final candidate list is published to the congregation.
September 23, 2025	Any Scriptural objection to any nominated candidate must be submitted to the Elders by 5:00 PM.
September 28, 2025	Congregational Meeting following Worship Services – nominated officer candidates are either affirmed or not affirmed by the congregation members present at the meeting and casting an “yea” or a “nay” ballot for each candidate.
October 21, 2025 All Deacons, Elders, and Trustees are expected to be in attendance at these meetings.	5:30 PM – Elder Meeting- election of officers 6:00 PM – Deacon Meeting- election of officers 7:00 PM – General Board Meeting- election of officers

Kidz and Youth

This month at youth group, we will be learning how to read and study the Bible! We will be covering the three essential elements: observation, interpretation, and applying God's word to our lives. Each student will receive a passage that they will be working with for the month and will be doing their own study of the passage over the course of the month. Please pray that God will speak to us through his Word and help us to grow in wisdom and knowledge of Him!

Our elementary class will continue their journey through the Old Testament book of Exodus. We will be learning about the journey to the Promised Land and God's plan for them within the journey. Please pray that they will understand the God who wants to set them free as well!

Harvest Carnival will be Saturday October 25th from 3-5 PM. Please consider signing up for a spot to run a game or donate a bag or two of candy to help support this outreach as we give our community a safe and fun space for their kids this Halloween season!

Pancake Breakfast will be November 8th from 9-11 AM. See one of the youth to buy a ticket or make a donation today! Thanks for all your support for our youth!

John Helton



Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our church family, we were able to send 177 shoeboxes last year! This year, our goal is to send 250 shoeboxes.



Each shoebox requires a \$10 shipping donation, so if you feel led to help cover these costs, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping make a difference in the lives of children around the world!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, October 5, the Kara Ladies will be providing coffee and an assortment of delicious treats.

Fellowship will take place from 10:00 to 10:25 AM, giving everyone a chance to gather together before the morning service begins.



POTLUCK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

Bring your favorite recipe and join us after the service on Sunday, November 16 for a warm church family potluck!



The church will provide the main dish and drinks, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Let's enjoy good food, laughter, and fellowship together!

Senior Saints—News for You!

We had a great “back to school” meeting on September 9th. It was a lovely day and we had 55 in attendance. Mark Twain was interesting, I enjoyed hearing about the highs and lows of his life. He certainly had a full life. Everyone liked the pizza and the assortment of mini sandwiches. Thank you to Diana for making those and thank you to everyone who brought a dessert. There were so many delicious ones—our table loved the blueberry dessert and the many tasty cookies.

Let's lasso up some good times and fun at our Country Western program on October 7th at noon.

Remember we are meeting the first Tuesday of the month this time because of the church rummage sale. Our good friend John Trimmel will sing and play country music for us. We all just love when he performs! For lunch we will have chili and Diana Gilbert is making Frito pie. We will need desserts.

So put on your western wear and join us for a fun afternoon on October 7th!!

I guarantee you will have a wonderful time!

Donna Abercrombie



Down Under Ministry

SSCC is partnering with Love INC to provide clothing essentials to families in our community throughout the year. Help us bless those in need!

We are currently collecting new men's and women's underwear (size Small), boys' underwear and socks (size S-XL), girls' underwear (size S-XL), boys' undershirts, and training bras in any size. Please drop your donations in the bin outside the office. Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference!



The Salvation Army

We are collecting nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank to support individuals and families in need within our community.

Your donations make a real difference! Please place items in the bin located just outside the office door. Every contribution big or small helps bring hope and relief. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and care.



ANNUAL 5K
WELCOME RUN

2025

OCT. 04 - 9:00 AM
Living Word Church - Lansing, IL 60438

5K (In-person & Virtual) \$40 - Kid's Fun Run (10 & under) \$10



HUGE CRAFT FAIR & RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17-18
8:00-3:00

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Disciple-Makers Class - Sunday School Class

We are studying the life and ministry of Jesus from a chronological perspective. You are welcomed to join us each Sunday.

Kevin Groben (219) 276-0538

The Christian Friendship Sunday School Class

We would love to have you join us on any Sunday morning. We are discussion oriented, and welcome people of all ages.

We study from the Christian Standard lesson.

Jeff Hayden (219) 730-2635

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets on Monday's at 6:30PM. Contact Jason Newhuis at (708) 825-3345 for information.

Wednesday Sisters in Christ Bible Study

Begins at 10 am, we take prayer requests from 11:30 to 12:00. Throughout the week we support one another with calls, texting, and prayers. Contact Carol Joza at 708-955-1257 for information.

Wednesday Kevin's Bible Study

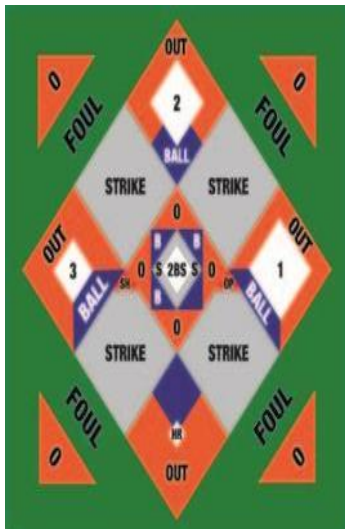
Afternoon Session 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Evening Session 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Same lesson both session.

Kevin Groben (219) 276-0538

Ladies Dartball



Ladies, join us for an exciting evening of Dartball with women from various churches on **Monday, Oct. 6 and 20** at church from 6 to 9 PM.

No experience needed, just come for fun, friendly competition, and great fellowship! Snacks will be provided. We can't wait to see you there!

Kara Ladies Group

Join us on **Thursday, October 2 at noon** in the church atrium for a time of fellowship and planning. Bring your lunch and take part in the conversation as we discuss opportunities to serve at the Harvest Carnival, the Bake Sale for the Rummage Sale, and other ways to volunteer in support of our church events.

If you would like to contribute baked goods for the Rummage Sale, please contact the church office. We will need your baked items by **Thursday, October 16**

Room #4 is open to receive donations for the upcoming Rummage Sale through Wednesday, October 15. We welcome household items, decorations, small furniture, and gently used treasures ready for a new home. Please note: we are not accepting clothing or books at this time, as we've already received more books than we can display.

If you'd like to donate, please contact the church office. We are also in need of empty boxes and old newspapers to help pack and organize the many wonderful items we've already collected. Thank you for your generous contributions, they make a meaningful difference in supporting our mission projects.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2-Oct	Glenida Winston
3-Oct	Jerrie Kroll
4-Oct	Daniel Irvine
9-Oct	Danny Chapman
9-Oct	Donna Solecki
12-Oct	Bonnie Johnson
18-Oct	John Helton
27-Oct	Lois Larimer
29-Oct	Jennifer Moore
30-Oct	Robert Campbell

October

New Testament

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| ▶ JOHN | ▶ JAMES |
| 1. ☐ 1:1-18 | ☐ 1:1-11 |
| 2. ☐ 1:19-28 | ☐ 1:12-18 |
| 3. ☐ 1:29-34 | ☐ 1:19-27 |
| 4. ☐ 1:35-42 | ☐ 2:1-13 |
| 5. ☐ 1:43-51 | ☐ 2:14-26 |
| 6. ☐ 2:1-11 | ☐ 3:1-12 |
| 7. ☐ 2:12-25 | ☐ 3:13-18 |
| 8. ☐ 3:1-15 | ☐ 4:1-10 |
| 9. ☐ 3:16-21 | ☐ 4:11-17 |
| 10. ☐ 3:22-36 | ☐ 5:1-6 |
| 11. ☐ 4:1-14 | ☐ 5:7-12 |
| 12. ☐ 4:15-26 | ☐ 5:13-20 |
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| 13. ☐ 4:27-42 | ☐ 1:1-9 |
| 14. ☐ 4:43-54 | ☐ 1:10-16 |
| 15. ☐ 5:1-15 | ☐ 1:17-25 |
| 16. ☐ 5:16-30 | ☐ 2:1-8 |
| 17. ☐ 5:31-47 | ☐ 2:9-17 |
| 18. ☐ 6:1-15 | ☐ 2:18-25 |
| 19. ☐ 6:16-24 | ☐ 3:1-7 |
| 20. ☐ 6:25-40 | ☐ 3:8-12 |
| 21. ☐ 6:41-59 | ☐ 3:13-22 |
| 22. ☐ 6:60-71 | ☐ 4:1-11 |
| 23. ☐ 7:1-13 | ☐ 4:12-19 |
| 24. ☐ 7:14-24 | ☐ 5:1-7 |
| 25. ☐ 7:25-36 | ☐ 5:8-14 |

Old Testament

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| ▶ ECCLES. | ▶ JEREMIAH |
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| ☐ 2:1-16 | ☐ 3-4 |
| ☐ 2:17-26 | ☐ 5-6 |
| ☐ 3:1-15 | ☐ 7-9 |
| ☐ 3:16-22 | ☐ 10-11 |
| ☐ 4 | ☐ 12-13 |
| ☐ 5 | ☐ 14-15 |
| ☐ 6 | ☐ 16-18 |
| ☐ 7:1-14 | ☐ 19-22 |
| ☐ 7:15-29 | ☐ 23-25 |
| ☐ 8 | ☐ 26-29 |
| ☐ 9 | ☐ 30-31 |
| ☐ 10 | ☐ 32-34 |
| ☐ 11 | ☐ 35-38 |
| ☐ 12 | ☐ 39-43 |
| ▶ SONG OF SONGS | |
| ☐ 1 | ☐ 44-46 |
| ☐ 2 | ☐ 47-48 |
| ☐ 3 | ☐ 49 |
| ☐ 4:1-7 | ☐ 50 |
| ☐ 4:8-16 | ☐ 51 |
| ☐ 5 | ☐ 52 |
| ▶ LAM. | |
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| ☐ 7 | ☐ 2 |
| ☐ 8:1-7 | ☐ 3 |
| ☐ 8:8-14 | ☐ 4-5 |

